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PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

RE: SUSPICIOUS DEATHS OF 17 WILD HORSES NEAR WALACHIN, BC

Secwèpemc Territory, BC – The Shuswap Nation Tribal Council (SNTC) stands with and supports the community of Skeetchestn Indian Band as they mourn the loss of seventeen wild horses that have been shot and killed north of Walhachin, BC, within the traditional territory of the Secwèpemc people.

Our Secwèpemc traditional stories and laws teach us how the horse is a sacred animal, bringing many teachings to our people with healing, and symbolizes a powerful entity of strength and freedom. Secwepemc people have a connection with all living beings and have been taught that all animals should be treated with utmost dignity and respect. This senseless act has not gone unnoticed by our communities and can be felt through the spirits of our people.

If you have any knowledge of this crime, please get in touch with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police at 250-299-7462.

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